Response to Restriction Requirement.

Applicants: Dietschi et al

Filing Date: June 16, 2005

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect the subject matter

defined by Claims 1 - 45 (Group I) without traverse. Applicant reserves the right to pursue

Claims 46-54 (Group II) in a divisional application.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has further required an election of one of the

following disclosed species, under 35 U.S.C. § 121, to which the claims shall be restricted if

no generic claim is finally held to be allowable:

1. The embodiment of Figures 1 and 2; and

2. The embodiment of Figures 3 and 4.

In response, Applicants elect without traverse the species disclosed by Figures 1 and 2

and Claims 1 - 22 and 37 - 45 which are readable thereon. However, the Examiner notes

Claim 1 is generic and, therefore, if independent Claim 1 is deemed allowable, Applicants

respectfully request consideration of all claims which are dependent upon Claim 1.

In view of the present election, it is believed that this application is in condition for

further consideration and examination. If resolution of any remaining issues is required prior

to examination of the application, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact

Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven T. Zuschlag

Registration No.: 43,309

Attorney for Applicants

HOFFMANN & BARON, LLP 6900 Jericho Turnpike Syosset, New York 11791-4407 (516) 822-3550

STZ/sbs

279140\_1

Page 2 of 2